

600.14A Contribution Verdict Form--Comparative Negligence Not an Issue--Verdict for Plaintiff

Verdict Form A

We, the jury, find for _____ and against the following defendant or defendants:

	Yes	No
Defendant #1	—	—

	Yes	No
Defendant #2	—	—

We further find the following:

First: We find that the total amount of damages suffered by [name of plaintiff] as a proximate result of the occurrence in question is \$_____, itemized as follows:

List each category of damages, e.g.

The disfigurement resulting from the injury \$_____

Insert other damages categories from IPI \$_____

30.05, 30.05.01, 30.07, 30.08, 30.09 or as applicable

PLAINTIFF'S TOTAL DAMAGES \$_____

Second: As to the contribution claims brought by [name of third-party plaintiff], we find:

		Yes	No
Against	Third-party defendant #1	—	—

		Yes	No
Against	Third-party defendant #2	—	—

Third: Assuming that 100% represents the total combined legal responsibility of all [persons] [or] [entities] [who] [that] proximately caused [plaintiff's name] injury, we find the percentage of legal responsibility attributable to each as follows:

a) Defendant #1's name _____%

b) Defendant #2's name _____%

c) Third-party defendant #1's name _____%

d) Third-party defendant #2's name _____%

TOTAL 100%

*(Instructions to Jury: If you find that any party listed on the verdict form was not legally responsible in a way that proximately caused plaintiff's injury, you should enter zero (0)% as to that party.)
[Signature lines]*

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Notes on Use

This verdict form is appropriate to use in cases where there are contribution claims involving one or more third-party complaints and where the issue of contributory fault will not be decided by the jury. However, if the plaintiff suffers multiple, separable injuries and not all of the defendants are alleged to have caused each of the separable injuries then a modified verdict form may be necessary. *See Auten v. Franklin*, 404 Ill. App.3d 1130, 942 N.E.2d 500, 347 Ill.Dec. 297 (4th Dist. 2010). If there is an issue of contributory fault, use IPI 600.14. This instruction serves as a basis to determine all fact issues relating to liability of the defendants, third-party defendants, joint and several liability and contribution.

B45.03A2 is similar to this verdict form, except it lacks the paragraph "Second" providing for findings for or against third-party defendants. B45.03A2 is intended for use in cases involving contribution claims among defendants tried concurrently with the plaintiff's claim.

If there is no issue of contributory negligence, the Committee recommends against including non-parties on the verdict form. *Compare Ready v. United/Goedecke Services, Inc.*, 232 Ill.2d 369, 385 (2008) *and Jones v. DHR Cambridge Homes, Inc.*, 381 Ill.App.3d 18, 31-32, 885 N.E.2d 330 (1st Dist. 2008) *with Bofman v. Material Serv. Corp.*, 125 Ill.App.3d 1053 (1st Dist. 1984) *and Smith v. Central Ill. Pub. Serv. Co.*, 176 Ill.App.3d 482 (4th Dist. 1988).